

Caywood Point Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression and Prevention Project Decision

Jodie L. Vanselow, District Ranger for the Hector Ranger District, has made a decision to implement the Caywood Point Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression and Prevention Project. The project is located in the Town of Lodi, Seneca County New York on the Hector Ranger District of the Finger Lakes National Forest. This project will authorize a forest health study of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid by authorizing a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation certified chemical application of Safari™ basal bark spray and Coretect™ tablets on ~300 hemlock trees within portions of stands in the Caywood Point Recreation and Education Special Area. This authorization includes data collection of tree and stand responses as well as biological control and HWA responses. The field location and actual application of an integrated pest strategy will provide information to aid managers in decisions surrounding hemlock, HWA and their biological controls. Implementation of this project is planned for Spring/Summer 2013 and in accordance to design elements contributed by specialists. The decision includes implementation of mitigation measures and monitoring requirements identified in the Decision Memo. This decision is based upon an environmental analysis conducted by an interdisciplinary team of Forest Service specialists, and responses to public scoping.

To obtain a copy of the Caywood Point Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Suppression and Prevention Project Decision Memo or to request additional information regarding this decision contact Jodie L. Vanselow during normal office hours (weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Finger Lakes National Forest office located at, 5218 State Route 414 Hector NY, 14841 Phone: (607) 546-4470 ext.314; or e-mail: jvanselow@fs.fed.us.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11. Only those individuals or organizations who submitted comments during the formal 30-day notice and comment period for this project may appeal this decision. A written notice of appeal must be submitted within 45 calendar days beginning the day after the legal notice for this decision is published in the *Ithaca Journal*. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, then filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The date of the publication of the legal notice is the only means for calculating the date by which appeals must be submitted; do not rely upon any other source for this information.

The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:
Colleen Pelles Madrid, Appeal Deciding Officer
ATTN: Appeals and Litigation
USDA-Forest Service, Eastern Region
626 E. Wisconsin Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4616

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If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, five (5) business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for fifteen (15) days following the date of appeal disposition.